

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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biological stain compositions

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

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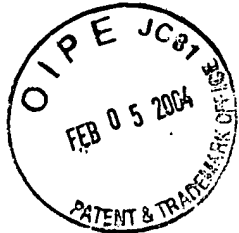
1. Response To Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 5, 2004,
Applicants resubmit the following corrected "Amendments to the claims" section.

It is believed that no extensions of time are necessary to file this response.
However, in the event that such an extension of time is necessary, the Commissioner is
authorized to charge the necessary fee for extending the time period to Deposit Account
No. 08-0219 in order to maintain the pendency of this application.